

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the United States Patent & Trademark Office on October 23, 2006. The issue fee payment is due January 23, 2007 and has not yet been paid.

Reconsideration of [[the]] above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. No new matter has been introduced.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 26, 29-32 and 34-39 have been allowed.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 26, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 39 have been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors and to put the claims in better format for allowance.

For example,

1. "dust and/or dirt" has been corrected to read "dust or dirt" in claims 1, 4, 9, 26 and 39.
2. the phrase "of the a plurality" has been corrected to read "of a plurality" in claims 4, 6, 9, 10, 29, 34 and 35;
3. a typographical error in claim 12 " : " has been deleted between "perform and the"; and
4. the lines in claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14, 26 and 36 have been deleted for the sake of grammatical clarity.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

While no fees or extension of time are believed necessary for this Amendment, should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4801.

Respectfully submitted,
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